

## YOUR RIGHTS

### Crime Victim's Rights Act

Crime victims, as defined by law, shall have the following rights, as provided by law:

- ⌘ The right to be treated with fairness and respect for their dignity and privacy throughout the criminal justice process.
- ⌘ The right to timely disposition of the case following the arrest of the accused.
- ⌘ The right to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process.
- ⌘ The right to notification of court proceedings.
- ⌘ The right to attend the trial and all the other court proceedings that the accused has the right to attend.
- ⌘ The right to confer with the prosecution.
- ⌘ The right to make a statement to the court at sentencing.
- ⌘ The right to restitution.
- ⌘ The right to information about the conviction, sentence, imprisonment, and release of the accused.

Learn more about safety and your rights at [www.Michigan.gov](http://www.Michigan.gov).

Michigan VINE Service  
1-800-770-7657 | [www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com)

## RESOURCES

### National Hotlines

#### STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

(844) 7NATIVE | Daily 7am to 10pm

#### NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE

(800) 799-SAFE | 24/7

#### NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE (RAINN)

(800) 656-HOPE | 24/7

### Domestic Violence Shelters

#### CHOICES | Manistee

(800) 723-7220

#### COVE | Mason, Lake, Oceana

(800) 950-5808

#### WISE | Newaygo

(800) 374-WISE

#### OASIS FAMILY CENTER | Wexford

(800) 775-SAFE

#### EVERY WOMAN'S PLACE | Muskegon

(231) 722-3333

#### RESILIENCE | Ottawa

(800) 848-5991

#### SAFE HAVEN MINISTRIES | Kent

(616) 452-6664

#### YWCA | Kent

(616) 454-YWCA

### LRBOI Tribal Resources

M-F | 8am to 5pm

#### GOVERNMENT CENTER MAIN LINE

(888) 723-8288

#### PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

(231) 398-3413

#### FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

(231) 398-6707

#### PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

(231) 398-2241



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LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

# Victim Services Program



### Manistee

2608 Government Center Drive  
Manistee, MI 49660

### Muskegon

1101 W. Hackley Ave.  
Muskegon, MI 49441

### Hours

Monday - Friday | 8am to 5pm

### Phone

(231) 398-6719

### Email

[victimservices@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:victimservices@lrboi-nsn.gov)

### Website

[victimservicesprogram.org](http://victimservicesprogram.org)

### Facebook

[LRBOIVictimServicesProgram](https://www.facebook.com/LRBOIVictimServicesProgram)

### Instagram

[LRBOI\\_VictimServicesProgram](https://www.instagram.com/LRBOI_VictimServicesProgram)

**In an emergency-  
Text or call 911**



## What is the VSP?

The Victim Services Program (VSP) is a direct service program that provides free services and support to victims and survivors of intimate partner violence and certain other crimes regardless of a person's gender or sexual identity.

The length of time since law enforcement involvement (or the lack of), or the length of time since the assault, abuse, or crime has no impact on services in most instances.

## Who is eligible for services?

Any person, Tribal or non-tribal, who meets the following criteria:

- ⌘ A victim / survivor of intimate partner domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, dating violence, or child sexual abuse.
- ⌘ A family member or friend needing information about how to support a victim / survivor.
- ⌘ A resident of Manistee, Wexford, Mason, Lake, Oceana, Newaygo, Muskegon, Ottawa, or Kent county.

If you do not meet the eligibility criteria, the VSP staff can assist you with referrals to other appropriate agencies.

## Vision:

To empower people to create violence-free communities.

## Mission:

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) is dedicated to upholding the sovereignty of Native families that have been victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. The LRBOI accomplishes this by providing families with a sense of empowerment to improve their well-being, and to increase their self-worth, so that they can be self-reliant. The LRBOI is also committed to educating Tribal communities on issues of domestic violence.

## What services are available?

The VSP provides assistance to both Native and non-native persons who are, or have been, impacted by intimate partner domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, dating violence, or child sexual abuse.

Examples of services include:

- ⌘ Crisis intervention and safety planning,
- ⌘ Cultural, personal, and legal advocacy,
- ⌘ Emergency shelter assistance,
- ⌘ Transitional housing assistance,
- ⌘ Assistance with filing for Crime Victims Compensation,
- ⌘ Referrals to support groups, counseling, and other appropriate agencies, and
- ⌘ Emergency financial assistance.

## Will my privacy be protected?

The VSP staff maintains strict client confidentiality as protected under Federal, State, and Tribal law, and as required by the program's grant funders.

## How much do services cost?

All of the program's services are grant funded; therefore, all services are provided to clients without charge.

## But my partner doesn't hit me!

Abuse is more than physical harm. Intimate partner violence is a pattern of behavior in a relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner.

Abuse includes physical, sexual, emotional, economic, spiritual, cultural, or any other actions that cause intimidation, manipulation, humiliation, isolation, coercion, fear, etc.

If you are not sure if you are in an abusive relationship, the VSP staff is available to consult with you.



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Cultural traditions bring healing!